

Questions for the prologue of Ethan Frome

1. What are your impressions of Ethan Frome so far? Jot down a few descriptive words and phrases that capture these impressions.
2. Why do you think the narrator is so curious about Ethan?
3. Setting is time and place in which events occur. How would you describe the setting of the prologue?
4. Imagine that you have the opportunity to meet Ethan Frome. What would you like to find out? Write three or four questions that you would like to ask him.
5. What do you think Harmon Gow means when he says that Ethan has “been in Starkfield too many winters?”
6. In your opinion, who- Harmon Gow, Mrs. Ned Hale, or the narrator is the most reliable source of information about Ethan Frome? Why?
7. If you, like the narrator, encounter an intriguing or mysterious person in your community whose “story” you would like to know, how would you gather information about him or her.